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Docket No. R97-1

**REVISED RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO INTERROGATORY OF NASHUA, DISTRICT, MYSTIC & SEATTLE
REDIRECTED FROM WITNESS FRONK
(NDMS/USPS-T32-52)**

On September 30, 1997, the United States Postal Service filed its response to the following interrogatory of Nashua, District, Mystic & Seattle: NDMS/USPS-T32-52.

Part (d) of that response indicated that the requested statistical confidence limits estimate was forthcoming. It has now been calculated. Accordingly, the Postal Service now files a revised response to T32-52 which incorporates the new information in response to part (d).

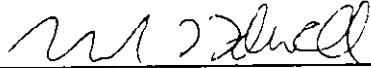
The attached response supersedes the original response.

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

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RESPONSE OF U.S. POSTAL SERVICE TO INTERROGATORIES OF
NDMS REDIRECTED FROM WITNESS FRONK

NDMS/USPS-T32-52. Your response to NDMS/USPS-T32-29(d) states that "approximately 90.4 percent of Base Year 1996 nonstandard First-Class Mail is estimated to have paid the nonstandard surcharge."

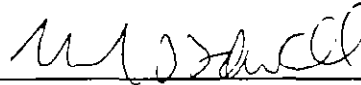
- a. What is the source of the data underlying this estimate?
- b. In what year(s) were these data collected?
- c. Please provide the raw data (i.e., the numerator and the denominator) used to derive the 90.4 percent.
- d. What are the statistical confidence limits on the 90.4 percent estimate?

RESPONSE:

- (a) The Domestic RPW Sampling System.
- (b) FY 1996.
- (c) Numerator = 294,352,000; denominator = 325,611,000.
- (d) Assuming that the ratio of known book revenue to estimated book revenue is approximately the same from postal quarter to postal quarter for the base year, the upper limit on the estimated coefficient of variation of the percentage of nonstandard First-Class single-piece mail that is not shortpaid is .0813 or 8.13 percent.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael T. Tidwell", written over a horizontal line.

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